

Saxonburg Area Business Association

January 12, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 with a welcome by SABA President Phil Wain

Officers' Reports:

President: SABA meetings and socials serve as a networking opportunity for local business and non-profit leaders. These meetings and socials also play a major role in the promotion of Saxonburg.

Treasurer: (L. Kovacik) As of 12/31/2015, \$7646.77 was in the General Fund, and \$571.05 was in the Scholarship Fund. \$290 was transferred to the Scholarship Fund, which currently brings that total to \$861.05.

Vice President: (C. Wilttrout) is still accepting applications. As of 1/12/2016, donations from applications have raised over \$600 for the Scholarship Fund.

P. Wain noted that the new meeting time is something that SABA will try. Coffee was provided by the Saxonburg Coffee Company, and doughnuts were provided by the Main Street Bakeshop.

Committee Reports:

Discover Saxonburg: (K. Allen) Discover Saxonburg is now a committee under SABA, with Judy Ferree as Chair, Meghan Pohl as Vice Chair, and Amanda Miller as Secretary. Discover Saxonburg received a \$2500 grant, and funds have been spent on marketing efforts. Once the bills are paid, the balance will be transferred to SABA. Tentative dates have been set for 2016 Mingles on Main (the 4th Thursday evening of the month from May through September.) Progressive Dinners will be held on the second Wednesday of April, June, August, and October. The Butler County Tourism & Convention Bureau features many ads from Saxonburg businesses in their latest magazine. Businesses are encouraged to email the BCTCB about their upcoming events.

Holiday/Parade: (J. Hutterer) The annual parade was a success, and all bills have been paid.

Scholarship: (J. Hutterer) There is currently \$861.05 in the Scholarship Fund.

Easter Egg Hunt: (J. Novotny) The Easter Egg Hunt will take place on 3/26/2016.

Welcome Committee: (P. Wain) This committee is seeking more volunteers to get involved.

New Business

Speakers:

Ron Jones and Cindy Harbison spoke about the Butler A.M. Rotary's Butler Carved in Ice fundraiser, which will be held on February 20th at Diamond Park in Butler. Brochures and pictures of past entries were passed around. They are looking for sponsors.

Richard Gabala from the Saxonburg Services Unit of the Salvation Army thanked SABA for participating the holiday Red Kettle effort at Friedman's. Karen Boltz will have the final amount of funds raised.

Jim Mikowski promoted efforts to support a local veteran with PTSD in raising funds for a full-time service dog. They are raising funds, as well as awareness.

Nominations/Elections:

The Nominating Committee presented the slate of 2016 SABA officers:

President – Phil Wain, Wain Landscaping
Vice President – Josh Novotny, Novotny's Pizza
Secretary -- Mandee Williams, South Butler Community Library
Treasurer -- Jessica Brewster, Batch
Board – Judy Ferree, Hotel Saxonburg
 Cathleen Wilttrout, The Sign Shop Plus and The Yoma Room
 Fred Caesar, Saxonburg Museum

All nominees on the slate were voted in unanimously.

Final Comments and Adjournment:

There will be no regular SABA meeting in March. Instead, there will be a SABA Happy Hour at the Hotel Saxonburg on March 8th. There will be a summer picnic in June, a fall event which is TBA, and a holiday mixer in December in lieu of regular meetings.

P. Wain discussed the benefits of membership and the SABA directory. The goal is to have the directory completed for the March Happy Hour.

M. Pohl discussed the tentative dates for the Mingles on Main, and is currently seeking Borough approval.

The next meeting will take place on February 9th at 9AM at Centennial Hall, with meeting space available for committee use at 8:30.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43.